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Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted with this document are a Return-receipt Postcard and a Second Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application.

X No additional fee is required.

X Please charge any deficiency or credit any excess in the enclosed fees to Deposit Account Number 25-0115.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Box Non-Fee Amendment, Assistant Commissioner of Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on May 8, 2002.

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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated April 10, 2002, has been received and carefully reviewed. Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please enter the following Second Preliminary Amendment which overcomes the deficiencies identified in the Notice.

If any charges or fees must be paid in connection with the following communication, they may be paid out of our Deposit Account 25,0115.

In the claims:

Cancel claims 1-34 without prejudice.

Add the following new claims:

35. (New) An elongated multi-layer tubing for connection to a motor vehicle system to contain and convey fluids containing hydrocarbons, the multi-layer tubing comprising:

a first layer disposed radially innermost the first layer having an inner face capable of prolonged exposure to fluids containing hydrocarbons and an outer face spaced a predetermined thickness from the inner surface. The first layer composed of

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